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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Creator

Richmond County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

7 volumes .

Location

Library of Virginia

Repository

Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Many of the business volumes are fragile and should not be handled. **please check alternative form available heading for volumes that have been microfilmed. Please use microfilm if available.**

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

These records came to the Library of Virginia in transfers of court papers from Richmond County in 2004.

Processing Information

Prior to 2024, the various business records in this collection were originally described as individual records, but they have been consolidated into one large business record for the locality.

The records in this collection were processed at different times in 2004 by Gregory Crawford. Efforts have been taken to identify chancery causes related to these business records as some of these records were used as evidence in court proceedings.

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Alternative Form Available

Please see [Richmond County Microfilm](#) index in the [Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm](#) available on the [Library of Virginia website](#) for full listing.

Robert B. Sydnor Journals and Ledger, 1847-1852 is available as microfilm Richmond County (Va.) Reels 221 and 222

Adjunct Descriptive Data

Related Material

See also: [Richmond County \(Va.\) Chancery Causes, 1748-1958](#)

Additional Richmond City (Va.) court records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

Historical Information

Context for Record Type: Business Records, both volumes and loose records are in some cases transferred to the Library of Virginia as components of court record transfers. These business records in some cases were simply stored in the local court building for safekeeping by business owners. In other cases, business records (particularly ledgers, account books, etc.) may have been filed in a court case as an exhibit. These business records exhibit appeared both in chancery causes and in judgments. These records serving as exhibits for business dissolution cases, debt suits, and contract disputes.

Lost Records Note: Created in 1692. Some volumes were burned and mutilated through unknown causes; in addition, the will books prior to 1699 were missing as early as 1793, and order books for the period 1794-1816 are also missing. Numerous loose records prior to 1781 are missing as well.

Locality History: Richmond County was named either for Richmond borough in Surrey, England, or for the late-seventeenth-century duke of Richmond. It was formed from old Rappahannock County in 1692. Its area is 193 square miles, and the county seat is Warsaw.

Scope and Content

Richmond County (Va.) Business Records, 1793-1874, is comprised of various records created by individuals and companies in pursuit of documenting business activities in and around Richmond County (Va.). Represented records largely consists of bound volumes such as ledgers, daybooks, journals, letter book, minute books and subscription books.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged

- Series I: Glenn and Brother Daybook, 1849-1851
- Series II: Mangorike Wharf Company Minutes and Subscription Book, 1873-1874
- Series III: Moody and Price Letter Book, 1793-1796

- Series IV: Plummer and Tapscott Journal, 1812-1814
- Series V: Robert B. Sydnor Journals and Ledger, 1847-1852

Contents List

Series I: Glenn and Brother Daybook, 1849-1851

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Glenn and Brother was a general store that conducted business in Farnham Church, Richmond County, Virginia, during the mid-nineteenth century. One of the owners was Matthew Glenn, Jr. Richmond County may have been named for Richmond borough in Surrey, England, or for Charles Lennox, first duke of Richmond and a son of King Charles II. It was formed from Old Rappahannock County in 1692. The county seat is Warsaw. Some volumes were burned and mutilated through unknown causes; in addition, the will books prior to 1699 were missing as early as 1793, and order books for the period 1794-1816 are also missing. Numerous loose records prior to 1781 are missing as well.

Daybook, 1849-1851, of Glenn and Brother that records daily transactions in chronological order. Information recorded in the journal includes date of transaction, name of customer, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, the price of each item, and amount owed. Merchandise sold include fruit, candy, spices, dry-goods, snuff, alcoholic drinks, pocket knives, lamb, fish, razor straps, spelling books, and clothing.

Daybook also contains an account of sales of the goods, wares, and merchandise of Glenn and Brother that were sold under a deed of trust in April 1851. Information found in each entry includes items sold, quantity sold, price of each item, and name of purchaser. Volume is in poor condition due to damaged spine.

Barcode number 1122733: Glenn and Brother Daybook 1849-1851

Series II: Mangorike Wharf Company Minutes and Subscription Book, 1873-1874

Extent

1 volume

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Scope and Content

Historical Information: Mangorike Wharf Company was organized in 1873 in Richmond County, Virginia, for the purpose of building a wharf along the Rappahannock River.

Minutes and subscription book, 1873-1874, of Mangorike Wharf Company that records the meetings of shareholders and the accounts of individual shareholders.

Information found in the minutes includes date of meetings, election of officers, names of shareholders and the number of shares they held, and decisions made at the meetings. The minutes also include a copy of an agreement to build a wharf along the Rappahannock River in Richmond County. The agreement gives the length and width of the wharf and how the materials for building it would be procured.

Information found in the accounts of shareholders includes the name of the shareholder, number of shares subscribed, value of shares, and form of payment such as cash, labor, and materials furnished for wharf. The volume includes an index that lists in alphabetical order the names of shareholders, and the page number where their accounts can be found.

Barcode number 1122790: Mangorike Wharf Company Minutes and Subscription Book, 1873-1874

Series III: Moody and Price Letter Book, 1793-1796

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Moody and Price was a shipping company headquartered in the city of Richmond, Virginia, during the late eighteenth century. The letter book was perhaps used as an exhibit in a court case heard in Richmond County. Richmond County may have been named for Richmond borough in Surrey, England, or for Charles Lennox, first duke of Richmond and a son of King Charles II. It was formed from Old Rappahannock County in 1692. The county seat is Warsaw. Some volumes were burned and mutilated through unknown causes; in addition, the will books prior to 1699 were missing as early as 1793, and order books for the period 1794-1816 are also missing. Numerous loose records prior to 1781 are missing as well.

Letter book, 1793-1796, of Moody and Price that contains copies of correspondence between the shipping company and its customers and business associates. Information found in the letters relate to the transportation of cargo, payment for services rendered, dealings with merchants, insurance matters, and the prices of commodities such as flour, wheat, and coal. The letters also refer to a smallpox outbreak in the city of Richmond in 1794 and its economic impact on the community. The letter book includes an index listing the names of customers and business associates in alphabetical order and the page number their letters can be found.

Barcode number 1122784: Moody and Price Letter Book, 1793-1796

Series IV: Plummer and Tapscott Journal, 1812-1814

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Plummer and Tapscott was a general store that conducted business in Farnham Church, Richmond County, Virginia, during the early 19th century. Richmond County may have been named for Richmond borough in Surrey, England, or for Charles Lennox, first duke of Richmond and a son of King Charles II. It was formed from Old Rappahannock County in 1692. The county seat is Warsaw. Some volumes were burned and mutilated through unknown causes; in addition, the will books prior to 1699 were missing as early as 1793, and order books for the period 1794-1816 are also missing. Numerous loose records prior to 1781 are missing as well.

Journal, 1812-1814, used as a daybook that records in chronological order the daily transactions of Plummer and Tapscott, a general store. Information recorded in the journal includes date of transaction, name of customer, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, amount owed, and a page number where the entry is found in a missing ledger. Merchandise sold include spices, clothing, scissors, rhubarb, nails, knives, candles, paper, dry-goods, and snuff.

Barcode number 1122729: Plummer and Tapscott Journal 1812-1814

Series V: Robert B. Sydnor Journals and Ledger, 1847-1852

Extent

3 volumes

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Robert B. Sydnor was a merchant who owned a general store in Richmond County, Virginia, during the mid-nineteenth century.

Journals and Ledger of merchant Robert B. Sydnor consist of two journals and a ledger.

Two journals, 1847-1852, used as daybooks that record daily transactions in chronological order. Information recorded in the journal includes date of transaction, name of customer, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, the price of each item, amount owed and page number where information was transferred to corresponding ledger. Merchandise sold include fish, spices, dry-goods, cigars, alcoholic drinks, candles, tools, and clothing.

Ledger, 1849-1852, records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, form of transaction, amount owed, form of payment, amount paid, and page number where information was transferred from corresponding daybook. Volume does not contain detailed information regarding items sold by merchant. Rather, it uses general terms such as "sundries" and "merchandise." The ledger includes an index that lists

the names of customers in alphabetical order and the page number where their accounts are found.

Barcode number 1099717: Robert B. Sydnor Journals and Ledger 1847-1852

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